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TO : Mr. Richard M. Bissell, Jr.

DATE: 2 June 1958

FROM : James Q. Rebe

SUBJECT: CHICOM Coast

At the close of business Thursday, you requested me to check on a couple of things which I report herewith:

1. Projected coverage CHICOM Coast is OK with State. According to Arneson, he or Cumming (who was out on Thursday evening) checked with Bob Murphy. *AND UNDER SECRETARY HEETER.*

2. General Schow, G-2, is for the coverage (whereas earlier the Army had been neutral); Colonel Macia discussed the Air Force views with General Walsh who has no objection though they do not

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reported their principal concerns, namely, the possible jeopardy to the penetration program and their doubt that this was worth going to the President for. I told him that I believed it was your opinion that there would be no substantial element of jeopardy and that I understood it would not be necessary to go to the President. He also made comment that this should be coordinated with AF Operations. I told him that was out of my field but I would report this view. I said it was my understanding that coordination with AF Operations always took place.

3. In the light of what I have outlined in 2 above, I then talked to Captain Weber and informed him of the need for a DOD position.

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I stated that I felt that the views of the three intelligence chiefs which I now had would probably meet your need with Andy Goodpaster. However, in case this were not true and in order that there be no delay in the operations, it would be helpful if Admiral Burke had this brought to his attention and if we could have his view, particularly in view of the fact that as CNO he is the DOD officer responsible for meeting CINCPAC needs. He said he would do this promptly Monday morning and report to me.

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